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HENDRIK-JAN HOUTHOFF et al.

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A MYCOBACTERIUM SPECIES

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.